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Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report for Public Review

Date:

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To:

Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

Subject:

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Transportation 2030 Plan for the

San Francisco Bay Area (SCH No. 2004022131) for Public Review

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Transportation 2030 Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area. This Notice is to inform you of the availability of the DEIR as well as other documents, such as the Draft Transportation 2030 Plan, referenced in the DEIR. The Transportation 2030 Plan represents the transportation policy, finance and action plan for how MTC plans to approach the region's transportation needs over the next 25 years. The Transportation 2030 Plan proposes a set of future transportation projects that can be implemented with available funding as well as identifying projects that could be considered if new funding is obtained. Transportation projects proposed in the Transportation 2030 Plan are located within Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and/or Sonoma counties.

The DEIR has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)(Public Resources Code, Section 2100 et. seq.). The DEIR on the Transportation 2030 Plan is a program EIR as defined in the CEQA Guidelines. The DEIR presents a region-wide assessment of potential impacts of the Transportation 2030 Plan. Areas of evaluation and potential impacts include: transportation; air quality; population; land use; energy; geology and seismicity; noise; and biological, water, visual, and cultural resources. The DEIR does not evaluate the site-specific impacts of individual projects, which will be the responsibility of the appropriate project sponsors.

The public review period on the DEIR starts on Friday, November 12, 2004 and ends on Thursday, December 30, 2004. All comments on the DEIR must be made in writing and received at MTC by 4 p.m. on December 30, 2004. Written comments on the DEIR should be sent to MTC, attention Ashley Nguyen, EIR Project Manager, by mail, fax, or email, as shown below:

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If this Notice is not accompanied by a copy of the DEIR, you may request a free copy from the MTC-ABAG Library by email at library@mtc.ca.gov or by telephone at 510.464.7836, or download the DEIR from MTC's web site at www.mtc.ca.gov. Copies are also available for viewing at the MTC-ABAG Library and selected Bay Area public libraries. You may contact MTC's public information office at 510.464.7787 for exact library locations.

We appreciate your interest in the Bay Area's transportation future and look forward to hearing from you.

Therese McMillan Deputy Director, Policy

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